



Class of 1995 members attending the Saturday evening barbecue included: (seated, l to r) Carrie Bradley, Shea Ward Barnett, Penny Morrow Walker, Angie Daniels Slagel and Heather Lawford Strickland; (middle row, l to r) Amanda Pope, Dusty Smith, Amy Sasser Martin, Jessica York Wyroslick, Tanya Walker Smith, Malisa Sorrells Morgan, Tiffany Burk, Jill Windham Dunn, Catheryn Carpenter, Mary Stephens Ramsey and Missy McDaniel; (back row, l to r) Chad Adkinson, Kevin Lawford, Chris Hudson, Bo Boyd, Che Vaughan, Jonathan Rost, Ramey Bryan, Trey Lawless and Charlie Driggers.

Elba High Class of 1995 holds 10-year reunion

The Elba High School Class of 1995 held its 10 year class reunion the weekend of homecoming, Oct. 14-15. The weekend was filled with lots of fun starting with the parade on Friday afternoon. A reception was held before the football game at the Elba High School where the classmates could bring the family to meet and greet and reconnect.

Saturday morning the ladies gathered at the home of Clay and Amy Martin for a brunch and more time to catch up. The weekend ended with a bar-b-que dinner at The Smith Family Barn.

The weekend was filled with lots of memories, good times, and great food. A huge thanks to so many for helping make the weekend a success.

Troy on line Masters program wins national award

GetEducated.com, LLC has named Troy University among its Top 25 most affordable online master's degree providers.

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At an age when college costs are skyrocketing, you should be proud of your program's success at making higher education more accessible to working adults," said Vicky Phillips, founder and CEO of GetEducated.com, LLC.

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Pictured left to right are: Ali Taunton – second alternate, Kaci Grantham – Ms. LBWCC-MacArthur, and Misty Lanier – first alternate.

Kaci Grantham crowned MacArthur pageant winner

Ms. Kaci Lyan Grantham, of Elba, was crowned 2005-2006 Ms. LBWCC-MacArthur at the third annual pageant on November 3, 2005 in the MacArthur Campus Conference Center. Judging included poise and appearance, a judge's interview, and answering a final question on stage. By being crowned Ms. LBWCC-MacArthur, Ms. Kaci Grantham, a cosmetology student, received a 12 credit hour scholarship for Spring semester and will represent LBW Community College at various college and community events.

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During Elba City Council meeting

Alcohol license approved for Mulberry Community Grocery

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council smoothly handled several items of business which in times past have stirred the council itself or concerned citizens into heated debates.

An alcohol license was unanimously approved for Mulberry Community Grocery, allowing the community store to sell both beer and wine for off premises use. The business is located on Martin Luther King Drive. The application had been tabled for several months to allow the owners, Michael Lindsey and Denise Burks, time to comply with all state and local regulations.

The council accepted the recommendations of Mayor James Grimes and appointed Junior Culver to the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Donald Lawford to the Elba Housing Authority. Each of these appointments of a new board member was due to an incumbent asking to not be reappointed for an additional term.

Mayor Grimes reviewed the financial statement, which represents a full 12 months of (unaudited) operations. He noted that revenue of \$3,076,224 fell \$68,276 short of projections. This was caused by drops in business licenses, property tax, gasoline tax, police fines, garbage and sewer fees. The largest single drop in income could be considered a positive - transfers from the Water and Electric Board were \$45,000 below budget estimates.

Revenue sources which were above budget predictions included "other police revenue" (grants, etc.), sales tax, alcohol tax, automobile tax, financial institution tax, and grant funds. Expenditures were also above budget projections, in fact every department showed spending in excess of budget. Grimes noted some of the expense was the extra \$80,000 for sewer improvements on Claxton Avenue and Larkin Road; \$80,000 in unbudgeted, but required, street repairs; \$43,000 of interest on a sewer loan and payoff of all loans at the bank; and the purchase of some needed, but unexpected, fire department equipment.

Monthly bills totaling \$143,521.31 were approved for payment.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham

reported that demolition at the old school is underway and the area is still considered dangerous. He also reported that the new garbage pick-up truck should be delivered and ready for the City of Elba to begin picking up garbage by the January 1st, 2006 target date.

Grantham also reminded those present of the new requirement that all trash, (leaves and limbs, appliances, electronics, and "other"), be separated by the user.

Grimes reported that the city's

workman's comp insurance will increase for the next year. However a dividend of \$4,400 will drop that to a net increase of about \$238.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported routine activity for the past two weeks. The department has accepted delivery of the new patrol car authorized by the council; the new weather computer is working and the updated records management software is now installed and except for a few minor "bugs", it is doing fine.

Following Nov. 8th bankruptcy hearing Reports indicate Dorsey Trailer case possibly nearing an end

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes reports that recent activity in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court indicates a possible end to the Dorsey Trailer case by shortly after the first of the year.

Grimes said that at the November 8th bankruptcy hearing in Montgomery the main parties verbally agreed to a settlement which includes the court approved sale of the assets to the Colorado company which had presented the high bid at the

previous court hearing. Sale of any existing inventory will be sold in a separate action and apparently to another purchaser.

Following the court hearing the company will examine the plan to ensure "what they are buying is what they are getting," a routine action in these cases.

The mayor added that the prospective buyers have indicated they plan to restart the building of over-the-road trailers in the now closed plant.



The reigning Miss Elba queens represented the city last Saturday, Nov. 12, at the annual National Peanut Festival parade in Dothan. The young ladies had to get up early for the parade but reportedly had a great time riding the float and serving as ambassadors for the City of Elba. The local queens are (from top to bottom): Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw and Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin.

Elba BOE approves textbook committees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members closely examined the two new school buses recently

delivered to the system. The "transit style" BlueBird buses cost \$61,995 each. They are paid for from the transportation allowance furnished by the state department of education. The system paid \$100,000 on the buses and the balance will paid in payments.

Textbook committees for both the high school and elementary school were recommended by Superintendent Danny Weeks and approved by the board. Amelia Rhoades is serving on both committees. Serving from the high school are Harold Rogers, Brian Weeks, Mandy Collins, David Collins and Karl Bledsoe. Representing the elementary school are Gina Price, Tracie Johnson and Renee Stinson.

This committee will review new books, which are already approved at the state level, before the local system elects to begin using them.

The board accepted the retirement of Frank Phillips, coach and physical education teacher at Elba Elementary School. He will be "hard to replace," said

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The State Diagnostic Lab in Elba is now operating from its all new facility. The site of the former building is being leveled in the picture above in preparation to pave the parking lot. Many bypassers were shocked to see the old facility there on one day and completely gone a couple of days later. Lab Director Joel Kline said the staff was still working to get offices and exam rooms in working order, but were making progress while maintaining their regular work schedule.

Coffee County Probate Judge asks commission to support local bid regarding poll worker pay

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For a slight moment, it looked as though Coffee County Commissioners would vote Monday, Nov. 14, on a motion to approve an architect for the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center project; however, verbalized opposition towards the proposed architectural firm led to the motion being withdrawn

from the floor.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook offered a motion to proceed with the senior center project by approving Waid and Parrish Architecture Inc. of Dothan for the project. She received a second from Commissioner Robert Stephens.

Once opened for discussion, Westbrook realized there was more opposition to the firm than

she previously realized.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley said the commission has had problems with the architectural firm through the Mount Pleasant and Ino senior center projects, and he can not see using the company again because of those troubles.

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During commission meeting Chairman Brooks reveals his platform

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Commissioner Bernest Brooks took the seat as chairman Monday, Nov. 14, as Coffee County Commissioners held their regular bimonthly meeting.

After moving through the day's agenda, Brooks took the floor to publicly announce his platform for Fiscal Year 2006 while he serves as chairman.

"I would like to thank the Coffee County Commission and all individuals who participated in my election to chairman of the Coffee County Commission," Brooks said. "My goal was to be elected by the people to serve Commission District Five and the county as chairman. I will do all I can to serve all the people of Coffee County to the very best of my ability."

Brooks said he is a retired senior citizen of Coffee County who has worked tirelessly to

help improve the standard of living for all of the citizens of Coffee County, the region and the State of Alabama. He said his credentials span 52 years of public service - 20 years in the public school system, two years of work on federal programs, 18 years of state governmental service and 12 years of county government service.

"My mission during my terms as county commissioner and throughout life has been one of service to the people," said Brooks. "I have been and am an advocate for the under served in our community."

As chairman, Brooks outlined five major issues he will work towards achieving over the next year.

First and foremost, he said he will continue to work to establish a local public transportation system to serve the citizens of

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Annual Christmas Festival set for Saturday, Nov. 26, in Elba

For the past seventeen years, artists and vendors from across the area have set up camp in downtown Elba the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They are returning this year for another year to provide the sights, sounds and smells that make up the Elba Christmas Festival.

The festival starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, with an assortment of entertainment on the main stage in front of the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba. There will be concessions, arts & crafts vendors and activities for the children.

A new feature this year will be the live reindeer attraction.

This will attract citizens of all ages to the festival who hope to get a look at Santa's beautiful creatures. "An opportunity to have a photograph made with the reindeer will be available."

"We have a special treat coming with the reindeer," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "They will be on the square all day and in the parade. I have tried to get the reindeer to come to the Christmas Festival for several years and thanks to

those businesses that have agreed to sponsor them, this year, we finally have been able to do that."

More than 50 vendors from across the area will showcase their work during the festival. Along with past familiar favorites, many new and exciting vendors will display their work.

In addition to being attractive to visitors, the festival is also a welcome sight for many downtown business owners. With the festival comes increased visibility and commerce for downtown businesses, according to store owner Al Baxter.

"Most businesses on the square enjoy increased traffic throughout the day," he said. "Later in the afternoon will be the annual Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. following the festival. In the case of rain, the parade will be held on the following Monday at 5:30 p.m."

The 2005 Festival is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth or Eva Medlock at the chamber by calling 334-897-3125.

Coffee County Schools

Menu

November 14-18, 2005

BREAKFAST

Monday - Sausage Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Bar-B-Q Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage Pizza, Grilled Chicken/ Bun, Potato Rounds, English Peas, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Hot Dog, Fish Sandwich, Oven Baked Fries, Cole Slaw, Canned Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Turkey Dressing w/ Cranberry Sauce, Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Yams, Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk
Friday - Burrito, Fish Nuggets, Battered Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Hushpuppies, Brownie, Canned Peaches, Milk

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Senior citizens have hit the point in life where they have to select from the many confusing options in the new federal prescription drug plan. Coffee County seniors are no better off than all the other "over 65" Americans around the country... confused. Hopefully some were enlightened Monday night at the well attended and very timely meeting the local drug stores sponsored on the new plan. Qualified citizens could start signing up for one of the plans on November 15th. In theory the proper answer is to join the plan which supports the prescription drugs the person is taking. Some reportedly take one or more drugs from one program and others from another plan. They have to make a choice in the next few months, or else. The "or else" is that if they ever do sign up there is a penalty of 1% for each month of delay after the deadline, and that penalty is forever. In other words if a program costing \$100 per month is selected after a two year delay, it will actually cost \$124 per month. Then there are those of us who are taking no prescription drugs at present. We may need them next week, next month or next year, but which one? Or should we just buy the cheapest plan to avoid the penalty and change later, when the drugs are actually needed? The logic behind such a complicated program completely escapes the brain of this country boy. Maybe the answer is that it was designed by the federal government. A better excuse may be that it was completely written by the companies planning to sell the service to the end user... us.

Elba citizens need to hurry and get this decision made because there is another insurance issue beginning to surface which deals with a subject of which locals have first hand knowledge. FLOOD INSURANCE. Proposals, by the insurance industry, are floating around to revise the program making it better in some ways and dangerous in other ways. One of the good things is replacement cost payments, another is raising the maximum insurance available. A down side Elba citizens need to watch closely is the removal of eligibility for those with previous flood damage claims. There are also proposals that would require property owners to purchase the insurance; etc. Keep alert dear friends!!

Elba Police
Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 7, investigated the following incidents: two theft of property, three domestic violence, two harassing communications, two disorderly conduct, one car fire, one assault, two criminal trespassing, three harassment, two livestock running at large and one criminal mischief. The following arrests were made: one domestic violence, one non-support warrant and two for possession of a forged instrument. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one suspended driver's license, one reckless driving and three speeding. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOV. 7 - Coffee City. EMS dispatched to Hwy. 141 (1:36 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87 N (2:10 a.m.); Fight in progress in Mulberry (8:12 p.m.).
TUESDAY, NOV. 8 - Coffee City. EMS dispatched to County Rd. 404 (4:10 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS dispatched to County Rd. 114 (7:15 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS dispatched to 21952 Hwy. 189 (12:51 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance at 1427 Smith Ave. (2:23 p.m.).
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 - Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at Elba Villas (7:27 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at Elba Villas (8:10 p.m.); Possible accident reported at 922 Herman Driggers Dr. (8:20 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1225 Neil Grantham Dr. (8:20 p.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 745 Lee St. (10:14 p.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 149 Stroud Ave. (11:00 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1110 Hickman Ave. (11:33 p.m.).
THURSDAY, NOV. 10 - River stage - 7.78 feet (7:30 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported across from Moseley's Studio (4:53 p.m.).
FRIDAY, NOV. 11 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (2:25 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS to Beaver Dam Trailer Park (2:25 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 11 Private Rd. 1208 (10:30 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 5758 Hwy. 125 (4:39 p.m.).
SATURDAY, NOV. 12 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (12:24 a.m.); River stage - 5.38 feet (8:00 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 19778 Hwy. 87 N. (3:33 p.m.).
SUNDAY, NOV. 13 - River stage - 7.18 feet (7:28 a.m.); Coffee City. EMS to 19778 Hwy. 87 N. (10:24 a.m.).



NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SGA...The students of New Brockton Elementary School recently elected student government association officers for the 2005-06 school term. The officers are (white shirts): Claire Bailey, president; Alexis Hall, vice president; Ryan Watson, treasurer; and Kaley Moore, secretary. The SGA officers will be assisted throughout the year by class representatives. They are shown above (red shirts) with the officers.

WARNING!!

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Obituaries

ADELL RUSSELL CLARK
Sis. Adell Russell Clark, age 79, died Nov. 7, 2005 at Opp Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11, 2005 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church of Opp, Ala. with Rev. Darryl Caldwell officiating and Rev. Teddy Hill, pastor. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three brothers: Joe (Vanna's Mae) Russell, Opp, James Russell, Enterprise, Ala.; Josh Russell, Montgomery, Ala.; and two sisters: Bythe Russell, Opp, and Carolyn Pratt, Detroit, Mich.

EDWARD E. SEARIGHT
Mr. Edward E. Searight, age 76, of Enterprise, Ala., died Nov. 2, 2005 at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2005 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church of Enterprise with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Garden of Memory in Dothan, Ala.

Mr. Searight was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Searight; one son, Ewell L. Young.

Survivors include his wife: Belinda Searight; four sisters: Maxine Gay, Dayton, Ohio; Margaret (John) Batts, Ovingville, Ky.; Mattie Bell Batts, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Ovella Walker, Frankfort, Ky.; one brother: Rodney (Georgia)

Searight, Victorville, Calif.; four daughters: Anna Mays, Springfield, Ohio; Virginia Wright, Enterprise, Virginia (Kenneth) Bell, Ashland, Ky.; Awanell (Clarence) White, Enterprise; a mother and father-in-law, Emma and John Shakespeare, Andalusia, Ala.; two sisters-in-law: Gloria (Obie) Jenkins, Enterprise; Aggie (Harlem) McDouglas, Red Level, Ala.; one brother-in-law: Winford Shakespeare, Andalusia; and a host of grandchildren.

VICTOR LAUREN ADAMS
Mr. Victor "Vick" Lauren Adams, age 42, of Enterprise, Ala., died Nov. 7, 2005.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 2005 at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Enterprise with Rev. F.L. Alvin and Rev. E. Engram officiating. Burial followed at the Morning Star Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Cassandra Ann Adams; three sons: Victor Jr., Troy, Ala.; Dennis L. and Gregory L. Adams, both of Enterprise; his mother: Lillian N. Adams, Enterprise; four sisters: Catherine (Freddie) Scott, Enterprise, Shirley (Joe) Austin, Raleigh, N.C.; Rhonda (Eddie) Engram, Enterprise; Sandra Adams, Enterprise; four brothers: Curtis Adams, Atlanta, Ga.; Gregory (Gloria) Adams, Enterprise, Stanley (Deloris) Adams, Enterprise; Larry

(Sharon) Adams, Troy; and a mother-in-law: Willie Mae Ward, Daleville, Ala.

WILLIE NELL SMITH MCCORD
Mrs. Willie Nell Smith McCord, age 90, died.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 2005 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church with Rev. Pamela Edwards and Rev. Diana Plentory officiating. Burial followed at Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, Ala. with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Miles McCord Sr.; four sons, Lee Andrew McCord, John Albert McCord, George Miles Jr., Earnest Lee McCord, and one daughter, Bernice McCord Craig.

Survivors include two daughters: Lucille Jenkins, Birmingham, Ala.; Mary Dudley, Montgomery, Ala.; two sons: Henry (Judy) McCord, Opp, Ala.; McArthur McCord,

Birmingham; 22 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

EARNEST REXTON CAMPBELL
Mr. Earnest Rexton Campbell, age 60, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 2005 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Medley and Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Jasper Campbell, and mother, Josephine Farris Campbell.

Survivors include his wife: Rhonda Kay Campbell, Elba; daughter: Mary Rogers, New Brockton, Ala.; step daughter: Brenda Wilson, Phenix City, Ala.; three sons: Rexton Campbell, John Henry Campbell and Timothy Wilson.

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"There has died and been buried in this city... a man who is to little known, even by name, to the generation now in the vigor of life that only one newspaper contained an obituary account of him, and this was but of three or four lines."

Herman Melville's Obituary
New York Times, September 28, 1891.

He was a man whom few knew, remembered, or cared about. After all, he was just a retired customs inspector. Nearly forty years earlier, literary critics hailed him as one of America's great novelists following the publication of *Moby Dick* on November 14, 1851.

Born in 1819, Herman was the son of a wealthy New York City businessman. Before he turned eleven, his father's business failed. When he was twelve, his father died. No longer wealthy, Herman left school, working variously as a book clerk, store clerk, and

teacher to help pay the family bills. At sixteen, his older brother arranged for him to visit England by working as a cabin boy on a ship sailing to Liverpool, England.

After returning to New York, he spent most of the next three years teaching, but the sea called him back. In January 1841, he headed for the South Pacific aboard the whaling ship *Acushnet*. After eighteen months as a whaler, Herman and another crewmember jumped ship when they landed at the Marquesas, a group of twelve islands 1,000 miles northeast of Tahiti. While there, they spent an idyllic four months with a local tribe whose practices were reputed to include cannibalism.

After spending over three years in Polynesia, Herman returned home to discover that listeners were fascinated with his stories of the South Pacific. Recognizing an opportunity, the twenty-five year old Herman enough income to marry Elizabeth Shaw. It also allowed him to become a working novelist, making his living for the royalties on his books and by writing articles for magazines.

Four years later, he bought a farm in western Massachusetts near Nathaniel Hawthorne's home, and then published *Moby Dick* the fol-

lowing year. *Moby Dick* was a critical and commercial success, and it gave us a higher opinion of the author's originality and power than even the favorite and poignant first-fruits of his genius, the never-to-be-forgotten *Typee*.

Horace Greeley
New York Tribune: Nov. 22, 1851.

Despite positive reviews, the book sold only 3,215 copies, for which the author earned \$ 5 5 6 . 3 7 (\$12,339 in 2005 dollars). Six years later, in 1857, he published his final novel to uniformly poor reviews. It had been a little over ten years since the publication of *Typee*, but his literary career was over. Thirty-four years later, he died a forgotten man.

Find out more about Herman Melville, whose decade as a literary superstar produced some of the greatest fiction ever written.

NEXT WEEK:
A North American Revolution

THE WEB JOURNEY

The Life and Work of Herman Melville

This resource includes biographical information about Melville, copies of all of his works, contemporary magazine and newspaper articles, information about each of the novels that includes the number of copies sold and royalties earned.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/2z3js>

Herman Melville

Donna Campbell, an English professor at Washington State University, created this resource for her first year students. It includes essays and articles, both current and contemporary, about Melville and his work. In addition, it includes questions about some of the characters and themes.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/dh373>

Herman Melville:

August 19, 1819 - September 28, 1891
Andreas Teuber, who created this resource, teaches philosophy at Brandeis University. He has included a lengthy essay from the Dictionary of Literary Biography. It discusses each of Melville's life, his works, and his literary career.

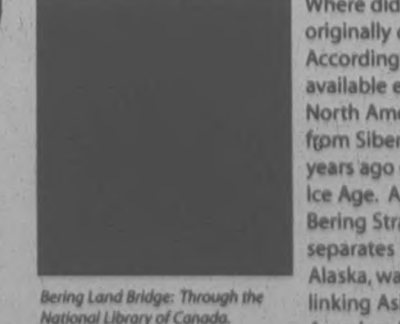
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Building the canal. Through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

lasting several months around the tip of South America. Previous attempts to find a shorter route, or build a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans had failed. On November 18, 1903, the United States signed a treaty that allowed them to build the canal in 1904. With which country was the treaty signed, and what is name of the canal? Do you need to find the answer, or get more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/dh74h>

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the United States stretched from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Moving people and goods from one coast to the other by sea required a journey

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Bering Land Bridge. Through the National Library of Canada.

Where did North Americans originally come from? According to the best available evidence, the first North Americans arrived from Siberia 10-12,000 years ago during the last ice age. At that time the Bering Strait, which now separates Siberia and Alaska, was a land bridge linking Asia and North America. People traveled across the bridge, eventually settling throughout North and South America. Find out more about the peopling of North America at <http://tinyurl.com/dh3eh>

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Hornsby - Sharp wedding to be held Saturday, November 17th



Mr. Sharp & Miss Hornsby



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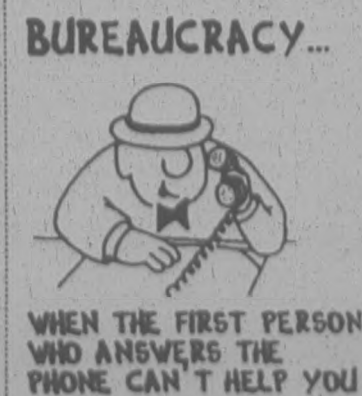
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Magnolia Home and Garden Club meets with Syble Hahn

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met at the home of Syble Hahn on November 3, 2005. After the fellowship and refreshment hour, President Marlene Willis presided at the business session.

The Gardner's Creed was repeated in unison by the members. Addie Newman reported that the centerpiece for the Farm-City Banquet had been ordered. She also announced that the Nursing Home Project for December had been handled. The program chairman, Miriam Farris, introduced her guest, Martha Guerrero, who was the special speaker for the Thanksgiving message.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Ann Miles on December 1, 2005. All interested women are welcomed to attend. Please call Marlene Willis at 897-6606 or Ann Miles at 897-2431 for further information.



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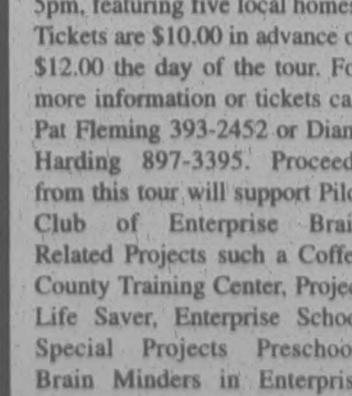
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Coffee County Education Retirees Association active in schools and communities

The Coffee County Education Retirees Association members work in Coffee County schools and communities to make a difference. Throughout the year, a large delegation of retired educators can be found working as volunteers in a wide variety of services.

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Mrs. Estell Franklin

***91ST BIRTHDAY: Mrs. Estell Franklin (Mother Franklin), of Legrand, Ala., started celebrating her 91st birthday 29, 2005, with a trip to the Kymulga State Park in Childersburg, Ala. She took a trip down memory lane when she toured the Kymulga Grist Mill and saw the miller making water-ground grits and corn meal. She said that she had never seen anything like that since she was a child. The Kymulga Grist Mill dates back to the 1800s. Mother Franklin saw another site at the park that she had never seen before—she was able to view the Kymulga Covered Bridge. The covered bridge dates back to 1861. She shared this wonderful adventure with her sister, Janice Arrington of Montgomery, Ala. her friend Eria Belcher of Elba, Ala., and her daughter, Betty Belcher of Legrand.

But the celebration didn't stop there; on her birthday, Sunday, October 30, 2005, Mother Franklin shared brunch with her pastor and church family at the Legrand Community Church. She ended the day with desert (cake and ice cream), that she shared with a generation of her family. Some of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were there to celebrate with her. She received a surprise birthday cake, made especially for her by her niece, Almira Edwards, better known as Bunch, and on behalf of Mrs. Belcher. She also received surprise visits from several of her nieces and nephews. She was busy answering phone calls from well wishers (family members), who could not join her for the celebration, that it was hard for her to concentrate on opening the many gifts and cards she received.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.



Left to right: Rev. Nathan Carroll, Basin Baptist Church; Rev. Willie Peterson, Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Billy Redd, First Assembly of God; Rev. Keith Ellison, Harris Temple; Rev. Roger Miller, First Baptist Church; Rev. Ron Stallard, Elba Church of God; and Rev. Stanley Carter, Elba United Methodist Church. Rev. Loreal Flowers of New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ and Rev. Bobby Holladay of Westside Baptist were unavailable for this picture.

Elba Ministerial Association to sponsor Community Thanksgiving Service November 20th

The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at the Elba First Assembly of God and Rev. Stanley Carter, pastor of the Elba United Methodist Church will preach. The choir from New Philadelphia Church will also attend.

Third Saturday Night Singing & Thanksgiving dinner to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church will have their 3rd Sat. Night Singing and Thanksgiving covered dish dinner this Saturday evening, November 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The singing will follow and the featured group will be The Williamson Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel singing planned at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, November 19th

Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Pea River Gospel Singers is inviting everyone to an evening good Gospel singing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. This will be an event of Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 6 p.m. The church is located at Milton Crossroads Community.

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Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Marsha Bastin Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays... 12:00 noon</p> <p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mart Gray, Pastor Bible Study... 8:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. 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Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE Rev. Billy Berry Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Morn. Worship... 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 11:00 a.m. Even. 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SCHOOLS

Student Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley



This week's student spotlight is **Katie Cash**.

Katie is the 16-year-old daughter of Pete and Mary Cash. She is a very involved junior at Elba High School.

Her activities include Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, an EHS Ambassador and CCYLP. Katie is also an increasing force behind the EHS Marching Tiger Band trumpet section.

In her spare time, she enjoys writing and taking photographs. Katie's future plans are to attend Auburn University and major in Web Design.

She describes herself as creative, but we classify her as this week's student spotlight.

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

Journalism Spotlight

by Sydney Brunson

Meet Victoria Brooks. Tori, as we all know her, is an active senior who enjoys dancing, going to the beach, hanging with friends and participating in the First Assembly of God youth group.

Tori is a very active senior. She is member of the Marching Tiger Band dance-line, Key club, Spanish club and teaches a Sunday school class for the children in her church. She also holds many leadership positions, serving as the varsity cheerleader captain, Sr. Beta treasurer, Girl Scouts vice-president and editor of the yearbook.

Tori thinks the best part of being in journalism is that she gets to help design the school's yearbook, and she also enjoys spending time with all the journalism members.



Tori Brooks

Tori plans to attend EOCC for two years then transfer to Troy University. She later hopes to intern to become an elementary school teacher.

Santa pictures

by Stephanie Corder

It's time for Santa pictures. Pictures will be taken Wednesday, Nov. 16, starting at 9 a.m. There are two new great options.

Packages include black or color photos, and picture with Santa or a Christmas border and Holiday greeting card for holiday cards. Packages include 2-5x7s, 8 billfolds, 16 exchange.

Portraits will be delivered before school gets out for the Christmas holiday. \$20.00 prepaid only.

Children and siblings from home are invited to come and get their pictures made with Santa.

Juniors complete annual magazine sales for prom

The junior class at Elba High completed its magazine sales for the year.

The sale started Oct. 17 and ran through the final turn in date Thursday, Nov. 3. There were four turn-in dates with awards given to the top salesman on each date.

The first turn-in date was Friday, Oct. 21st and the top salesperson was Brad Sullivan. Second date was the following Tuesday, Oct. 25th. Chase W. Boutwell was the top salesperson.

The third date was on Friday Oct. 28th and once again Brad Sullivan was the top salesperson.

The final turn-in date was on Thursday, Nov. 3rd and Ciara Burrows was the top salesperson for the final turn-in.

Awards of \$50, \$25 and \$15 dollars were given out to the top overall sales people from the junior class. Winning the awards were Christina Bryant, Sydney Brunson and Brad Sullivan.

Although the junior class fell just short of their overall quota,



Winning awards for magazine sales were Sydney Brunson, Brad Sullivan and Christina Bryant.

total sales were \$13,973. The juniors would like to ensure the seniors, that they will have a great prom ready for them.

A total of 32 juniors reached their personal set quota of \$225, which would pay for their ticket to the prom. Reaching their quota were Brianna Bailey, Whitney Bailey, Blake Berry, Brian Blair, Chase W. Boutwell, Clint Bradshaw, Sydney Brunson, Christina Bryant, Ciara

Burrows, Eric Butts, Brittany Caldwell, Wesley Calhoun, Katie Cash, Emily Driggers, Stephen Driggers, Jacob Forbes, Laura Grover, Adam Henderson, Jason Johnson, Whitley Kilcrease, Lauren McClung, Ryan McCollough, Melanie Mularz, Nicholas Nelson, Kevin Parks, Shambria Samuel, Stephanie Sanders, Chris Smith, Traci Spinks, Haley Stinson, Brad Sullivan, Antwon Tillis and Shai Yelverton.

Top 10 named from AEC essay contest at EHS

Junior class advanced English students at Elba High were asked to write an essay on the Cooperative Difference. The essays were judged on content, grammar and originality. One week after submitting the essays 10 finalists were named to represent EHS at the annual Youth Tour Day at Alabama Electric Cooperative's (AEC's) Point A Lodge on the Conecuh River in Gantt, Ala.

Those selected were: Brianna Bailey, Whitney Bailey, Chase W. Boutwell, Katie Cash, Adam Henderson, Jason Johnson, Wade Kendrick, Lauren McClung, Melanie Mularz and Anna Petty. Each of these students will be provided with a review of AEC and its operations, a tour of Central Generation (if available) and a cookout. Each student will also receive a Youth Tour certificate and T-shirt.

Five second-round finalists will be selected from this group the day of the cookout. The judges will be basing their decision on subject matter, research, originality and composition. All top five members will receive trophies.

Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) has participated in the Washington Youth Tour program for over 20 years, sponsoring the program at Andalusia High School, Elba High School, Opp High School and Pike County High School.

The winner from each school will represent AEC at the NRECA Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C., and the winners and runners-up from each school will attend the Alabama Rural Electric Association's (AREA) Montgomery Youth Tour in Montgomery, Ala. It includes a three-day trip to Montgomery where participants tour historical sites, landmarks, and visit the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Two students are selected to participate from each of the high schools in CEC's service area.

Look for future articles of updates on the advancement of the students.

Congratulations students and good luck at the cookout!

Elba Elementary School Menu

November 28 - December 2, 2005	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake Puff/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Applesauce, Crackers, Peach Cup, Milk
Wednesday - Pop-Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hoagie, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Mayo, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Baked Sweet Potato, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Pot, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Rep. Terry Spicer speaks to students

by Judson Vaughan

On Tuesday Nov. 1, Elba High School welcomed a very important alumni back through its doors.

Representative Terry Spicer enlightened Coach Grimes' government economics classes with his knowledge of government and exactly how things happen in Montgomery.

Matters were discussed in many different areas. From judicial to legislative, to sen-

tors and representatives, these seniors got a first hand insight on the people that head up our state.

It's always nice to have visitors and special guest speakers, but even more so when the special one is from our own neck of the woods.

His encouraging words certainly influenced many and have given them something to think about as far as a future in politics goes.

Thank you Representative Spicer and best of luck running reelection!!

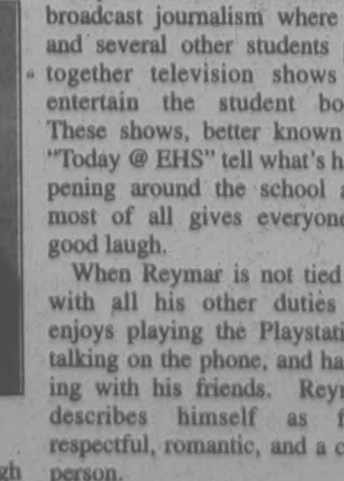
Co-Op Spotlight

by Duke Carr

This week's Co-Op Spotlight shines on Amanda Mauldin. Amanda is the 18-year-old daughter of Teresa and Jeff Mauldin. She is a senior at Elba High School.

Amanda is currently employed at the Elba Marketplace. She has been working at the Elba Marketplace for four months and serves as a cashier.

When she is not at work Amanda is actively involved in various clubs and organizations. Amanda is a member of the EHS Ambassadors, a Senior Beta member and is the treasurer of VICA.



Amanda Mauldin

After she graduates from high school, Amanda plans to attend the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) and become a radiologist.

SCHOOLS

Kinston Schools BULLDOG NEWS

Mark Coale,
principal



October was Parent Visitation Month at Kinston Schools. Many parents came to read, share a hobby or share something about their work with their child's class. Cindy Reeves, mother of second grade student Amanda Reeves, brought baby chicks to share with her daughter's fellow students. Reeves and her husband, Larry, own and operate Reeves Poultry Farm.

Second graders demonstrate mobile lab for parents

Thursday night, Oct. 13, Kinston parents were invited to the school to get their children's report cards.

The parents enjoyed refreshments provided by the PTO and served under the new snack area that the PTO help fund. Also,

the students in grades K-3 at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

The school system was able to purchase Compass Learning Odyssey software licensing. This software will deliver the web-based supplemental reading program used by the schools. The standards-based curriculum of Compass Learning Odyssey is said to help students "develop a foundation for literacy and strengthen reading, language arts, math, social studies, sci-

improve individual student achievement in the Elba City Schools, Coffee County Schools and Enterprise City Schools.

The Coffee County School System received \$93,900 from this grant, and it purchased three mobile wireless laptop labs for the students in grades K-3 at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

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The funds were granted through an agreement for the purchase and implementation of a web-based supplemental reading program utilizing technology in the reading curriculum to

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improve individual student achievement in the Elba City Schools, Coffee County Schools and Enterprise City Schools.

Kinston students "dress up" during Homecoming Week 2005



JERSEY DAY (Tuesday, Oct. 18)...Students participating from Mrs. Jacob's second grade class included (from left): Kelli Mack, Chasity Stanton and Cassidy Jackson.



ORANGE AND BLUE DAY (Thursday, Oct. 20)...Students participating from Mrs. Sandy Reeve's kindergarten class included (from left): Ethan Boykin, Grant Thornton, Laura Lee Short, Morgan Wilson, Dakota Smith and Austin Wise; (back, from left) Amy Wilson, Cierra Jackson, Neil Hollinghead, Brett Hataway, Grayson Fleming, Grace Minton and Camron Wilson.



BAND AID DAY (Wednesday, Oct. 19)...Students participating from Mrs. Spann's first grade class included (from left): Taylor Stanton, Jordan Kyser and Alex Wiggins; (back, from left): Dawson Odom, Allison Glass, Victoria Weeks, Leslie Reeves, BreeAnn Biddle and Aaron Driggers.



HOMECOMING T-SHIRT DAY (Friday, Oct. 21)...Students participating from Mrs. Sherri Weeks' kindergarten class included (left to right): Dylan Moulton, Hagen Hall, Maci Morris, Justin Jones, Tanner Morris and Tristan Tindell.

Monday, Oct. 17, was "Wacky Hair Day"

Homecoming Week: Decorated Door winners



(K-3rd Grade) 1st Place - Mrs. Sandy Reeve's kindergarten class
(4th-6th Gr) 1st Place - Mrs. Hilda Smith's 4th grade class
(7th-9th Gr) 1st Place - Mrs. Karen Thornton's 8th grade class
(10th-12th Gr) 1st Place - Mrs. Debbie Driver's 11th grade class
(K-3rd Grade) 2nd Place - Mrs. Annette Presley's 3rd grade class
(4th-6th Gr) 2nd Place - Mrs. Judy Moody's 6th grade class
(7th-9th Gr) 2nd Place - Coach Sam Dean's 9th grade class
(10th-12th Gr) 2nd Place - Coach Charles Edward's 10th gr. class
(K-3rd Grade) 3rd Place - Mrs. Teresa Jacob's 2nd grade class
(4th-6th Gr) 3rd Place - Mrs. Debbie Noble's 6th grade class
(7th-9th Gr) 3rd Place - Coach Mickey Jacob's 7th grade class
(10th-12th Gr) 3rd Place - Mrs. Sonya Shaw's 12th grade class

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COMMUNITY NEWS



LITTLE MISS...The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity Cheerleaders sponsored the Miss Rebel Pride pageant. Winners in the little miss category included: Taylor Michele Morgan, Little Miss Rebel Pride; Alexis Adkins, first runner up; and Amber Wynn DeSandro, second runner up.



FUTURE LITTLE MISS...The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity Cheerleaders sponsored the Miss Rebel Pride pageant. Winners in the future little miss category included: Whitney Madison Senn, Future Little Miss Rebel Pride; Sydney Shyanne Allen, first runner up; and Brayton Martin, second runner up.



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BULLETIN BOARD

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SOCIAL SECURITY REP - Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday: Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GRACE SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. Manager: Garrett Classroom.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center.

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office.

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House.

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon: Colony Inn, Enterprise.

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport.

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House.

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News from our Service Folks:

Army Pvt. Brandon M. Owens has graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark and compression-ignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic-power brakes, suspension and steering systems, and learned to operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assembly.

Owens is the son of Joe L. Owens, and Jerdean Owens of Villa Drive, both of Enterprise, Ala.

He is a 2004 graduate of New Brockton High School, Ala.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will observe special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 24, edition of the paper. The deadline for church and social news will be Friday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m.

The deadline for all other news and advertising will be Monday, Nov. 21, at 12 Noon.

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Faye and Leon with a luncheon after church
on Sunday, November 20, 2005

Elba Country Club Menu Sunday, November 20th

Turkey & Dressing	Turnip Greens
w/Giblet Gravy	Sweet Potato Casserole
Baked Ham	Potato Salad
String bean Almondine	Homemade Rolls & C.B. Muffins
Homemade Pecan Pie, Carrot Cake & Chocolate Pie	

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SPORTS

Open season with seven straight wins

8th grade Tigers are off and running

The Elba 8th grade Tigers have continued their dominance on the basketball court this season and after three weeks of action have posted seven straight wins to post an impressive 7-0 record.

Following are highlights of the seven games:

ELBA 45
FLEETA 26

The Tigers pulled ahead early and then slowly pulled away to open the season with a big 45-26 win over the Fleeta Falcons, in Fleeta. Kareem Silar scored 13 points and Justin McLaughlin added 12 to lead Elba. Also scoring for Elba were Jabari Cole 5, Kevin Allen 6, Stephen Magwood 7 and Donnell Horstead 2.

ELBA 53
SAMSON 15

The Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and coasted to a lopsided 53-15 win over Samson. The Tigers owned a 9-0 lead after one quarter and carried a big 27-5 lead in at the half as they rolled to the win. Kareem Silar and Justin McLaughlin both scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Carter led Samson with 10.

ELBA (53): Cole 4, Silar 20, Allen 1, Rodgers 2, Magwood 6, McLaughlin 20, Reed 2.

Samson (15): Faulk 1, Rushing 2, McCrummen 2, Carter 10.

ELBA 56
OPP 10

The Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and pulled to a big 56-10 win over the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers led only 9-3 after one quarter, but outscored the Bobcats 20-2 in the second quarter to grab a 29-5 halftime advantage and rolled to the easy win. Kareem Silar and Justin McLaughlin both scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Gay scored 3 to lead Opp.

Elba (56): Cole 4, Silar 18, Allen 3, Magwood 9, Horstead 2.

Own 3-4 record

Lady Tigers claim 3 wins in early-season action

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers have been busy on the court in recent weeks and have enjoyed mixed success as they closed last week's action with a 3-4 record.

Following are highlights of the early-season action:

ELBA 24
FLEETA 12

The Lady Tigers blanked Fleeta in both the second and fourth quarters to claim a 24-12 win over the Lady Falcons. Elba owned a slim 9-6 lead after one quarter, but stretched its lead to 14-6 by the end of the half and then pulled away to post the win. Janae Camley and KeKe Oliver both scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Jeanetta Burks 3, J. Lockett 4 and A. Foushee 1.

SAMSON 30
ELBA 9

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a

4, McLaughlin 18.
Opp (10): Wilson 2, Banks 2, Wilson 1, Wade 2, Gay 3.

ELBA 51
Z.C. 5

The Tigers took charge early and were never threatened in an easy 51-5 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Tigers jumped out to a 16-2 lead in the first quarter and then outscored the Rebels 27-0 over the next two quarters as they carried a 43-2 lead into the final stanza of the easy win. Dionta Reynolds scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Jabari Cole, Kareem Silar and Justin McLaughlin all added 10 points.

Elba (51): Cole 10, Silar 10, Allen 2, Reynolds 13, Magwood 6, McLaughlin 10.

Z.C. (5): Powell 3, Davis 2.

ELBA 50
GENEVA 21

The Tigers took command early and easily held on late to coast past the Geneva Panthers 50-21. The Tigers rolled to a big 35-0 halftime advantage and coasted in with the big win over the Panthers. Kareem Silar scored 15 points and Justin McLaughlin added 12 to lead Elba, while Brooks scored 9 points to lead Geneva.

Elba (50): Cole 6, Silar 15, Reynolds 4, Magwood 6, Reed 5, Rodgers 2, McLaughlin 12, Geneva (21): Williams 8, Brooks 9, Johnson 2, Sutherland 2.

ELBA 67
OPP 15

The Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back in a big 67-15 romp past the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers jumped out to a 16-2 lead in the first quarter, extended their lead to 55-10 by the end of the third quarter and coasted in with the win. Kareem Silar scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Justin McLaughlin added 18 and Dionta Reynolds scored 14. Wade led Opp with 4 points.



Elba's Justin McLaughlin (00) goes up for an easy basket in last week's win over New Brockton. The Tigers have opened the season with seven straight wins.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Elba (67): Cole 8, Silar 22, Reynolds 14, Magwood 5, McLaughlin 18.

Opp (15): Wood 3, Teague 2, Jones 2, Wade 3, Wade 2.

ELBA 55
N.B. 31

The Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and were never threatened in a 55-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers bolted out to a 24-5

lead in the first quarter and rolled to the win. Justin McLaughlin scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Kareem Silar added 14. Johnson scored 9 points to lead New Brockton.

Elba (55): Cole 4, Silar 14, Allen 2, Reynolds 6, Magwood 8, McLaughlin 21.

N.B. (31): Farris 4, Canley 2, Griswold 6, McNair 4, Gantz 4, Stephenson 2, Johnson 9.



An Elba Lady Tiger takes a shot in a recent win over New Brockton.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Opp (26): Colquett 5, Harrison 6, Boyd 6, Mikel 4, Vaughan 1.

Elba (15): Camley 2, Burks 4, Oliver 6, Jones 3.

ELBA 31
N.B. 22

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and held on to defeat the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 31-22. Elba jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first quarter and outscored New Brockton 10-2 in the third quarter as it rolled to the win. Jeanetta Burks scored 10 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Janae Camley 8, KeKe Oliver 3, K. Jones 2, J. Lockett 6 and T. Craighead 2.

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL EACH WEEK RIGHT HERE IN THE ELBA CLIPPER "SPORTS"

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Even though football season ended two weeks ago for the Elba Tigers, it was still very much alive for the Mularz family last week-end as on Friday night my youngest daughter and I went to the Brantley-Sweet Water playoff game and then on Saturday my oldest came home from school and sat with Dad in the living room for almost eight hours as we watched Alabama and Auburn on the tube. I guess football season is nowhere near over for me and my girls.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Brantley Bulldogs gained a measure of revenge for a playoff loss last season and knocked off the defending state champs in the process last week by posting an impressive 30-13 win over Sweet Water. The Brantley offense set the tone early with a long scoring run, while the defense never once backed down and dominated the line of scrimmage throughout the game. It was easy to see just why Sweet Water had won the state title last season and how good a team it was. However, Friday night Brantley was clearly the best team on the field and sent a statement to all the other playoff teams still alive in Class 1A that whoever wins this year's title will have to get past the Bulldogs.

*** The state high school playoffs held second round action last week and in all six classes the top teams rolled in. In Class 1A, American Christian outscored Florala 45-22 and continued its quest for its first-ever state title, while in Class 2A Southern Choctaw eliminated Luverne 37-14 and moved into a third round match-up with undefeated Houston Academy, which pounded Gordo 51-18. In Class 3A, T.R. Miller clobbered previously undefeated Aliceville 48-18 and Pike County ripped Midfield 35-8 as the two region rivals stayed on course for a rematch, while up in Class 4A Geneva earned a shot at UMS-Wright with a 21-14 win over Talladega, in double overtime. In Class 5A, Eufaula saw its perfect season end with a 24-10 loss to Benjamin Russell, and over in Class 6A Enterprise saw its season end with a 24-7 loss to Davidson.

*** With the playoffs now in the third round the cream has risen to the top, with sixteen undefeated teams still in the running along with fourteen teams with one loss. The only surprise teams left are Linden in 1A and Athens in 5A. So, it looks like when the Super Six kicks off in Birmingham in three weeks the best will be going against the best.

*** The high school basketball season tips off locally this week with games in Kinston and Zion Chapel, and while it is hard to tell what a team will be in early-season play, one thing that is a certain is that three of the county schools will be led by new coaches. Elba will be led by Glen Johnson, while New Brockton will be under the reins of Paul Marsh and Kinston will be led by Charles Edwards. With all the new coaches in the area there is no doubt the season will be exciting for the fans and the players.

*** In closing, Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early over the weekend to leave this week's picks and was still talking about how good Brantley looked in its playoff win over defending state champion Sweet Water. The local guesstest hit on 18 of 23 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 287-53, and said he is still convinced the best is still ahead. With three weeks left, he better find that perfect week very soon. Here goes...

BRANTLEY VS. LOACHAPOKA

The Bulldogs from up across the river will hit the road this week and head up into 'Injun country for a third round match-up with Loachapoka. While the 'Dogs could be caught still celebrating last week's win, the guess here is that the long ride will have them in a bad mood and they will be chomping at the bits to get on the field and hit somebody in a battle...

BRANTLEY 27 LOACHAPOKA 20

OTHER PICKS:

Davidson 24 Daphne 14
Prattville 28 Opelika 10
Hoover 31 Tuscaloosa County 17
Clay-Chalkville 28 Oak Mountain 7
Briarwood 21 Benjamin Russell 14
Homewood 42 St. Pauls 3
Buckhorn 17 Athens 15
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Alexandria 34 Chelsea 13
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SPORTS



FOLLOW ME.... Brantley's Chris Booker (25) follows teammate James Pittman (5) around the corner for a big gain. Booker gained 155 yards on 17 carries and Pittman added 112 yards on 16 carries last week to help lead the Bulldogs to a 30-13 win over Sweet Water in the second round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

Brantley posts 30-13 playoff win

Nothing sweet about these Bulldogs

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and
Ricky Mulaz

The Brantley Bulldogs moved into round three of the 1A state football playoffs Friday night

with an impressive 30-13 win over the Sweet Water Bulldogs, in front of a standing-room-only crowd in Brantley.

Sweet Water entered the game as a solid favorite as the defending state champion, but the Brantley defense shut down the visitors' high-powered running attack and the offense scored three second half touchdowns to take command and claim the win.

The first points of the night came on Brantley's second possession as the Bulldogs put the ball in play at the Sweet Water 40-yardline and scored on the second snap of the possession. James Pittman took an inside handoff and raced 40 yards into the endzone, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 6:38 remaining in the first quarter.

Sweet Water took the ensuing kickoff and put together a 13 play drive that covered 59 yards and ended in the Brantley end-

zone. The touchdown came on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Deon Williams. And Justus Staehle kicked the extra-point as Sweet Water's next possession as James Pittman tipped a Deon Williams pass and Jeffery Daniels came up with the interception at the Sweet Water 42-yardline.

The Bulldogs marched inside the Sweet Water 10-yardline behind the hard running of James Pittman and an 11-yard pass completion from Edgar Walker to Jeffery Daniels.

However, the drive bogged down as it neared the endzone and on the 11th play of the possession Brantley regained the lead when Marcus Owens drilled a 32-yard field-goal to put the Dogs back on top 10-7 with 3:44 remaining in the half.

Neither team managed to move the chains on the initial five possessions of the second half as the game turned into a battle of field position. The exchange of punts gave Sweet Water the ball at its own 36-yardline, and on first down Anthony Landrum broke loose and scampered 51 yards to the Brantley 13-yardline. This was Landrum's only run of more than three yards during the game, and the Brantley defense rose up with its backs up against its own endzone and turned back the scoring threat when on fourth down a 31-yard field-goal attempt fell short.

The big defensive stand seemed to pump life back into

the Brantley offense as the Bulldogs raced down the field and covered the 80 yards to the endzone in only five plays.

Chris Booker had runs of 16 and 39 yards to help the Dogs move downfield, while James Pittman added a 34-yard dash and

Jeffery Daniels scored the touchdown on the interception at the middle. The extra-point try was blocked, but with :50 remaining in the third quarter

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Brantley crossing the goal line again, with Chris Booker doing the honors on a 6-yard toss-sweep around the left end. Booker carried the ball five times for 45 yards in the scoring march as the offensive line took charge and opened big holes in the Sweet Water line. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 7:28 left in the game Brantley appeared to be in command with a 23-7 advantage.

Sweet Water wasn't about to surrender without a fight; however, and got right back in the game as it needed only four plays to cover the 71 yards into the endzone. Deon Williams completed a 41-yard pass to Antonio Landrum and a 24-yard strike to Jacques Lockett to lead his team down the field, while Williams scored the touchdown

on a 2-yard sneak. A two-point pass missed its mark, and with 6:06 remaining the Brantley lead had been cut to 23-13.

Scotty Abadilla recovered the ensuing on-sides kick and returned it 10 yards to the Sweet Water 45-yardline, and from there the Bulldogs needed only five plays to regain command as they scored their third touch-

down of the half to put the game out of reach. James Pittman took a pitch on a toss-sweep around the right end and plowed over a would be tackler as he scored on a 4-yard run. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 3:48 remaining the celebration was underway on the Brantley side of the field as the Bulldogs owned a 30-13 lead.

Jon Tyson made a diving interception in the endzone to stop a late Sweet Water scoring threat and Brantley then simply ran out the clock to preserve the 30-13 playoff win.

Chris Booker gained 155 yards on 17 carries to lead the Brantley running attack, while James Pittman added 112 yards on 16 totes and Jeffery Daniels had 16 tackles to spark the Brantley defense. Anthony Landrum was held to 65 yards on 10 carries, with 51 yards coming on one carry.

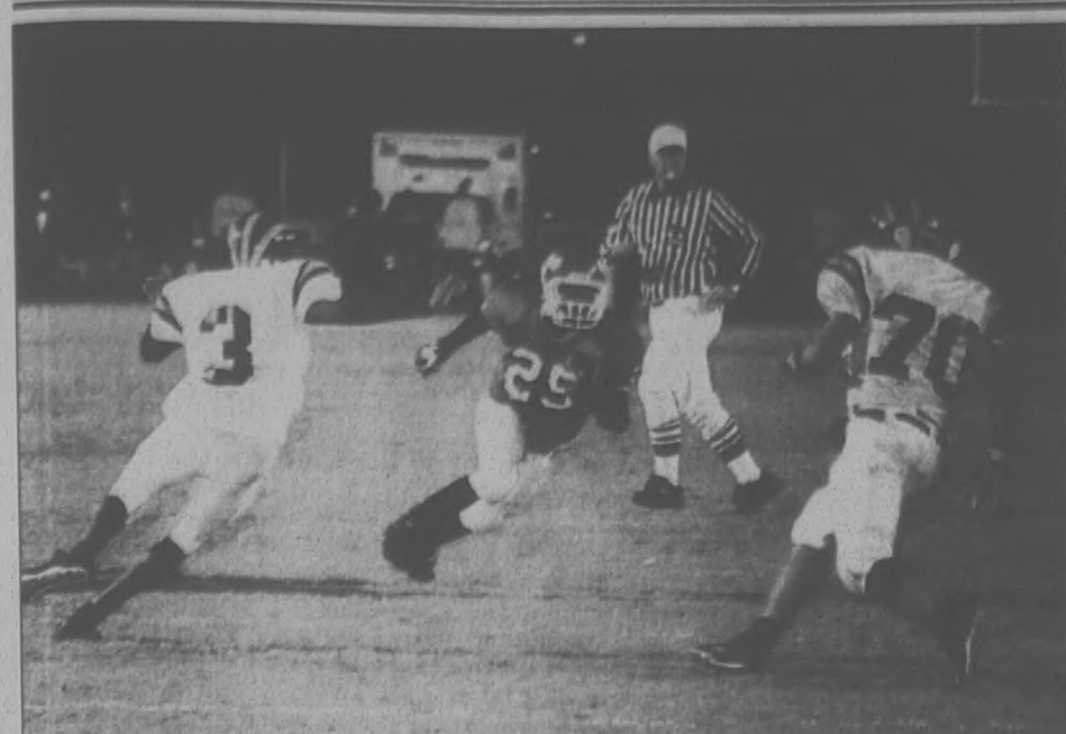
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17	Passing Yds. 100
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112	Return Yds. 90
1	Fumbles Lost 0
10-91	Penalties-Yds. 4-26
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SPORTS



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Brantley hits the road Friday night for match-up with Loachapoka Indians

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep their state title hopes alive Friday night when they travel to Loachapoka to battle the high-powered Loachapoka Indians in the third round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

The Bulldogs will bring an 11-1 record into the contest with a 10-2 slate.

Brantley gained a measure of revenge and knocked out defending state champ Sweet Water last week in second round playoff action, and now has to

be considered one of the top teams in the South half of the bracket. The Bulldogs combined a hard-nosed defense with a powerful running attack to claim its 11th straight win last week, and will enter this week's clash as a slight favorite.

Loachapoka has enjoyed another successful season this year and will bring a 10-2 record into Friday night's play-off game. The Indians have claimed wins over Lanett 35-8, St. Jude 41-0, Verbena 53-22, Beulah 43-0, Notasulga 21-0, Maplesville 12-9, Isabella 39-0,

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The Indians were dominating on both offense and defense last week in their 39-0 romp past Millry as the defense scored three touchdowns on two fumbles and a pass interception, and the offense rolled up three scores of its own, led by Quincy Smith, who gained 110 yards on 20 carries and scored one touchdown.

Loachapoka has been a team no one has paid much attention to this season, but the Indians have quietly piled up the wins and may very well be a sleeper in the 1A ranks. This week's match-up between Brantley and Loachapoka may very well be the top battle of the week in the 1A ranks!



Brantley's James Pittman (5) runs over a would be Sweet Water tackler for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to put the wraps on last week's 30-13 playoff win. This week the Bulldogs will face the Loachapoka Indians in a third round match-up.



Brantley's Tyler Weaver (54) pulls away from the hold of a Sweet Water lineman to stop a running back for a loss. The Brantley defense stepped up Friday night and limited Sweet Water to only 244 total yards in offense.

THE PLAYOFF PATH....

AHSAA QUARTERFINALS

Class 6A

Davidson (12-0) at Daphne (11-1)

Opelika (11-1) at Prattville (12-0)

Tuscaloosa Co. (12-) at Hoover (11-1)

Clay-Chalkville (10-2) at Oak Mountain (9-3)

CLASS 5A

Benjamin Russell (8-4) at Briarwood (10-2)

Homewood (12-0) at St. Pauls (8-4)

Buckhorn (11-1) at Athens (8-4)

Huntsville Lee (10-2) at Russellville (12-0)

CLASS 4A

UMS-Wright (12-0) at Geneva (11-1)

Demopolis (12-0) at Thomasville (10-2)

Chelsea (10-2) at Alexandria (11-1)

North Jackson (12-) at Deshler (10-2)

CLASS 3A

Pike Co. (12-) at Springville (9-3)

Oneonta (12-0) at T.R. Miller (10-2)

Cherokee Co. (11-1) at Weaver (12-0)

Winfield (11-1) at Colbert Co. (10-2)

CLASS 2A

Sou. Choctaw (12-0) at Houston Academy (11-0)

Leroy (11-1) at Cottonwood (9-3)

Clay Co. (11-1) at Tanner (10-2)

Lexington (11-1) at Lineville (10-2)

CLASS 1A

Brantley (11-1) at Loachapoka (10-2)

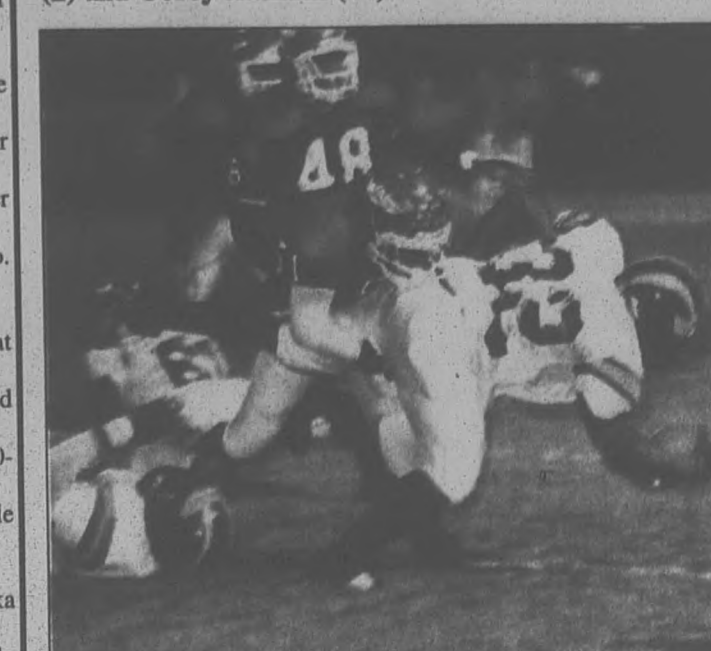
Linden (9-3) at American Ch. (12-0)

Cedar Bluff (12-) at Wadley (12-0)

Addison (11-1) at Winterboro (11-1)



GOAL LINE STAND... Members of the Brantley Bulldog defense held Sweet Water on three plays before allowing a touchdown on a short run. Pictured are Jeffery Daniels (10), Andre Williams (51), Jon Tyson (2) and Corey Latham (44).



Brantley's Andre Williams (51) drags down a Sweet Water runner for a short gain in last week's 30-13 play-off win. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Loachapoka to meet the Indians in third round action.

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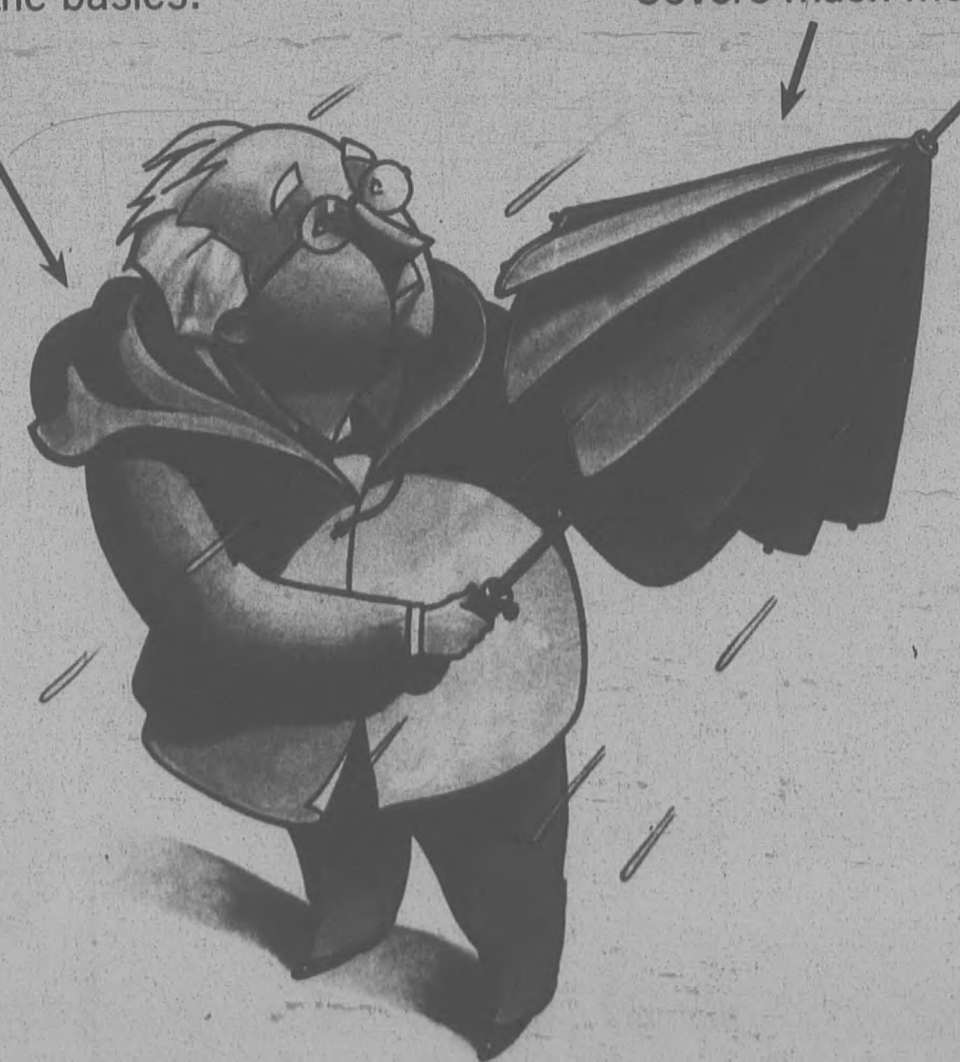
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The commission will continue to search for an architect for this project.

Probate Judge William Gammill attended Monday's meeting and asked commissioners to support a proposed local bill regarding poll worker pay.

Gammill said he has worked the county. Brooks also said he will work towards assisting senior citizens in getting medication and medical services; join the national organization (NACO) in the fight against methamphetamine and other illegal drugs; continue to work effectively with all areas of local, regional and state government on planning and economic development issues to bring jobs to Coffee County; and work to improve educational opportunities at the state schools and universities for the citizens of the county, region and state.

Other objectives Brooks said he will focus on as chairman will include: full home rule for Coffee County; work with local

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Superintendent Weeks. The board then approved the emergency hire of Cecelia Daniels as an instructional aide at the elementary school.

During the financial report Weeks reported that the monthly utility bills have jumped to \$28,000 a month. He added that this is in spite of strong efforts by teachers and other staff members to keep the utility costs down.

with the state association on a general bill regarding poll worker pay, but that bill has yet to be passed by the state legislature. While indications are that it will soon be passed, he said there is no way of knowing for sure, and therefore, asked commissioners to support a local bill reflecting that of the proposed state bill.

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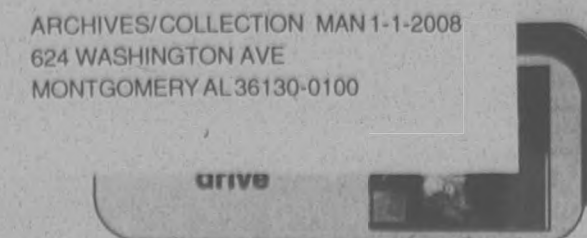
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"I wish to congratulate these first responders for their service to the community and look forward to the release of these

Extension Office - the primary organizer of the Coffee County's Farm City Week activities.

Through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Coffee County Extension officer delivers research-based education programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

The award was presented by Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth and Enterprise Chamber of Commerce executive director Kathy Sauer. During their remarks, Sauer said the Coffee County Extension office has always taken its work to the people. It has been a major catalyst in Coffee County, bringing rural and urban entities together for the good of the area.

Recently, Coffee County was selected 90th of 100 top counties in production/productivity.

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Set to provide access to STAR Sportsmanship for all elementary students

Local school systems stress importance of character education

Representative Terry Spicer, a leader in the statewide Sportsmanship Initiative, recently joined Senator Jimmy Holley, Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks,

Coffee County Schools superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram and Enterprise City Schools superintendent Dr. Jim Reese in giving access to STAR Sportsmanship to all elementary student in each of the respective districts.

"We're very excited about the new 'Learning Through Sports' program," said Weeks. "I believe it's one of the most important things we've done in regards to character education."

The elementary edition of STAR Sportsmanship is an interactive web-based computer program developed by Learning Through Sports. The program allows students to learn about the impact of their choices by role-playing online at

www.learningthroughsports.com.

With STAR, students are taught to stop before making an unwise decision, think about how their actions affect themselves and others, act promptly to demonstrate good sportsmanship and replay how they handled the situation and learn from it.

Also included are motivational messages about good behavior from sports celebrities.

"I commend all three superintendents and their schools for taking a leadership role in adopting the STAR Sportsmanship program for all their students," Spicer said. "As we have already recognized

throughout the state and among many of our state legislative and education leaders, we cannot be complacent that our children will know how to be good sports when they are surrounded by so many different examples."

Weeks said many basic concepts of sportsmanship are embedded in the games the students play in this program. He said that gives the students hands-on experience in making the right type decisions.

He said it helps the students learn to think before they react, control their temper, respect officials and coaches and proper

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Christmas Festival and Parade open holiday season in Elba

For the past seventeen years, artists and vendors from across the area have set up camp in downtown Elba the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They are returning this year for another year to provide the sights, sounds and smells that make up the Elba Christmas Festival.

The festival starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, with an assortment of entertainment on the main stage in front of the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba. There will be concessions, arts & crafts vendors and activities for the children.

A new feature this year will be the live reindeer attraction. This will attract citizens of all ages to the festival who hope to get a look at Santa's beautiful creatures. An opportunity to have a photograph made with

the reindeer will be available.

"We have a special treat coming with the reindeer," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "They will be on the square all day and in the parade. I have tried to get the reindeer to come to the Christmas Festival for several years and thanks to those businesses that have agreed to sponsor them this year, we finally have been able to do that."

More than 50 vendors from across the area will showcase their work during the festival. Along with past familiar favorites, many new and exciting vendors will display their work.

In addition to being attractive

to visitors, the festival is also a welcome sight for many downtown business owners. With the festival comes increased visibility and commerce for downtown businesses, according to store owner Al Baxter.

"Most businesses on the square enjoy increased traffic throughout the day," he said.

Later in the afternoon will be the annual Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. following the festival. In the case of rain, the parade will be held on the following Monday at 5:30 p.m.

The 2005 Festival is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth or Eva Medlock at the chamber by calling 334-897-3125.

2005 SPIRIT OF COFFEE COUNTY AWARD...The first ever Spirit of Coffee County award was presented last Thursday evening, Nov. 17, to the Coffee County Extension office during the annual Farm-City banquet. Those participating in the presentation included: (front, left to right) Annie Hendrix, Amy Winstead, Evelyn Rachell, Sandra Coffee, Stan Windham, Kaye Whitworth, Peggy Stroud and Kathy Sauer; (back, left to right) Billy Cotter, Steven Bozeman, Dan Presley and Frank Thompson. Additional award winners can be found on Page 13 of this week's paper.

2005 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...The Peoples Bank of Coffee County was named Business